the cases heard and decided as early as possible. In important cases eminent counsels are engaged to defend Government interests.

Export of Shrimps

*311. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the comparative figures of shrimps exported during 1984 and so far during 1985, month-wise;

(b) whether any fall in its exports has been noticed during this year as compared to that of the last year; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Statement showing month-wise Exports of Shrimps during 1984 and 1985, is laid on the Table of the House. *(See below).*

(b) and (c) The export of Shrimps during 1986 (January to September) is higher in value as compared to the corresponding period in 1984. However, there is a marginal fall in the quantum of Shrimps exported. This is mainly due to poor landings of Shrimps.

Statement

Export of Shrimps

	1984		1985	
	Qty. (Tonnes)	Value (Rs. Crores)	Qty. (Tonnes)	Value Rs. Crorres)
January	5265	27·89	4952	29·07
February	5473	30·55	5555	30·50
March	4044	24·06	4329	25·33
April	5654	30·70	4524	25·88
May	3747	21·52	3573	21·21
June	3228	18·80	4345	25·92
July	4230	26·10	4077	27·45
August	4429	27·68	4027	26·68
September	3871	24·49	2949	23·97
October	5800	38·44	Not available	
November	4248	26·40		
December	5262	30·98		